NOTICE OF NEW CODE ADOPTIONS

Department of Codes and Building Safety Metro Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee May 1, 2007

Effective May 1, 2007, the Metro Nashville Department of Codes and Building Safety will begin enforcing the provisions of the 2006 International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical/Fuel Gas and Energy Conservation Codes and the 2006 International Residential Code for 1 & 2 Family Dwellings. At this time the Metro Fire Marshal's Office will also begin enforcing the 2006 Fire Codes – NFPA 1 and NFPA 101. We currently enforce the 2002 National Electrical Code.

Architects and structural engineers should be aware that, with the adoption of the 2006 International Building Code, full compliance with all of the provisions of Chapter 17, Structural Tests and Special Inspections, will be required. Although required by Chapter 17 of the previously adopted 2000 International Building Code we did not, as a routine policy, require the Responsible Design Professional to submit to our office the Statement of Special Inspections with plan submittal for permit, Special Inspection Reports done during the project's construction or the Certificates of Compliance at the project's completion. For projects designed, permitted and constructed under the provisions of Chapter 17 of the 2006 IBC these Statements, Reports and Certificates will now be required along with continued compliance with all other provisions of this chapter.

Plans submitted for permit and review after May 1, 2007, shall be drawn for compliance with all of the new codes listed above as well as those other codes currently adopted. Exceptions to application of the 2006 codes to projects submitted for permit on or after May 1, 2007, will be allowed if it can be demonstrated that the architectural and engineering drawings for this project were substantially completed on May 1, 2007. In these cases, the use of the previously adopted codes will be allowed. Otherwise compliance with the newly adopted codes will be required.